

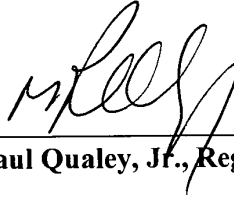
REMARKS

The Office Action indicates that restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §121: I. Claims 1 – 9, drawn to a method of manufacturing a semiconductor device, classified in class 438, subclass 113; and II. Claims 10 – 20, drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 723.

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute the subject matter of claims 1 – 9, without traverse.

Applicant expressly reserves the right to present the non-elected claims, or variants thereof, in continuing applications to be filed subsequent to the present application. Should the Examiner have any questions regarding this response, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at (770) 933-9500.

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